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MUSICAL EFFECT CUSTOMIZATION SYSTEM

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/037,510, filed January 4, 2002 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Because this application is filed after June 30, 2003, the Patent Office waiver of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) applies. Therefore, no copies of the U.S. Patent references are enclosed.

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